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In re application of)
THEVELEIN et al.) Art Unit 1636
Serial No. 09/330,262) Examiner: Remy Yucel, Ph. D.
Filed: June 11, 1999)

For: NEW STRAINS "fil", STRESS-RESISTANT UNDER FERMENTATION AND/OR
GROWTH CONDITIONS

AMENDMENT

BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 14-23, 36, 38, 40 and 41.

Please cancel claims 8, 11, 13, 24, 25, 37 and 39 without prejudice and substitute therefore claims 42 to 59.

Applicants submit herewith a clean copy of the substitute set of claims containing amended claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 14-23, 36, 38, 40 and 41 and new claims 42 to 59 (attachment A), as well as a marked-up version of the new set of claims (attachment B).

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute existing figures 1-1 to 1-7, 2-1 and 2-2, 3-1 and 3-2 and 6-1, with replacement figures 1 to 13 enclosed herewith in triplicate (attachment C).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on 12-31-01
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